

the MAINE traveler NEWSLETTER



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THE MAINE TRAVELER LOOKS BACK



EIGHT YEARS OF MAKING TRANSPORTATION BETTER

THINGS NO ONE PLANNED ON

MAINEDOT employees had the know-how and the grit to take on some tough days.



Deluge in Southern Maine - On three days in October 1996, 18 inches of rain fell, washing out bridges over the Presumpscot and Stroudwater Rivers. MAINEDOT sprang into action, repairing battered bridges and roads.

Ice Storm 1998 - After the big ice, MAINEDOT crews worked around the clock to clear thousands of miles of roads and reset scores of utility poles, restoring mobility and electricity for countless Mainers.



Julie N - The tanker *Julie N* collided with the Million Dollar Bridge in 1996, spilling 93,000 gallons of oil in Portland Harbor and the Fore River. Working with its contractor partner Cianbro, MAINEDOT restored the free flow of traffic on the bridge within days.



Concord Washout - A July 2000 cloudburst wiped out 2100 feet of Route 16 in Concord Township. MAINEDOT's Division 4 opened the road soon and began rebuilding. New pavement was down by October.

INVESTMENTS FOR MAINE'S ECONOMY

Good transportation infrastructure means a higher standard of living for Mainers.



Mack Point - The \$20 million rehabilitation of the Mack Point cargo facility in Searsport is well under way, and the facility will be operational by the fall of 2003, bringing Maine's "Three-Port Strategy" closer to realization.

Route 9 - 54 miles of highway improvements on the Route 9 corridor from Brewer to Calais are nearly complete. With travel time cut by more than 30 minutes, Eastern Maine has a major new economic asset.



Sagadahoc Bridge - Built using the design-build method of project delivery, the award-winning Sagadahoc Bridge between Bath and Woolwich alleviated one of Maine's major congestion problems.

Bangor International Airport - A runway reconstruction project at the Bangor International Airport began in 2002, using FAA and DOD funding, with matching state and local funds.



Intermodal Facilities at Auburn, Waterville - Truck-to-rail transfer facilities in Auburn (left), Waterville (right), and Presque Isle provide freight-handling capacity at strategic locations.



BETTER HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES

MAINEDOT focused on improving the basic transportation system of roads and bridges.



Casco Bay Bridge - A spectacular new drawbridge was opened in 1997, connecting Portland and South Portland, and providing more traffic capacity and safe passage for vessels in Portland Harbor.



Fairfield-Benton Bridge - Many of Maine's large, old bridges must be repaired or replaced. MAINEDOT has reduced the backlog of "extraordinary bridges" from \$443 million to \$248 million in the last decade.



Mars Hill, Route 1 - Highway reconstruction increased four-fold since the mid-nineties, to 200 miles in the 2002-2003 biennium, the largest reconstruction effort in 20 years.



Augusta Third Bridge - A new bridge will soon cross the Kennebec River, linking I-95 to Route 3, relieving congestion, and removing trucks from city streets.



CHIP on Route 17 - Under the Collector Highway Improvement Program (CHIP), MAINEDOT has reconstructed entire roadway corridors, in shorter timeframes and at lower costs.

CHOICES FOR TRAVELERS

Transportation is more than roads. MAINEDOT is helping make “multi-modal” transportation a reality.



Support for Small Airports - Through federal programs, MAINEDOT distributes funding for small airports, supporting general aviation facilities in every part of the state, like the Eastern Slopes Regional Airport in Fryeburg (above).



Portland Transportation Center - Portland's new transportation center officially opened in fall 2002, bringing bus and passenger-rail terminals together under one roof.



Amtrak in Maine - Passenger rail service from Portland to Boston was restored in 2001 after 36 years. The new service is part of “Explore Maine,” MAINEDOT's plan to provide options for people to visit Maine without their cars (photo courtesy of NNEPRA).



Island Explorer - The spectacularly successful Island Explorer bus service carried more than 280,000 riders on Mount Desert Island last summer, while its propane-powered buses eliminated 800 tons of greenhouse gases.



The CAT - The CAT, North America's fastest car ferry, travels between Bar Harbor and Nova Scotia, having replaced the *Blue-nose* in 1998.

TECHNOLOGIES & EFFICIENCIES

As MAINEDOT embraced new and improved technologies, we learned more efficient and cleaner ways to work.



Milbridge Pier - In a joint project with the University of Maine, MAINEDOT constructed a new wood-laminate pier in Milbridge.



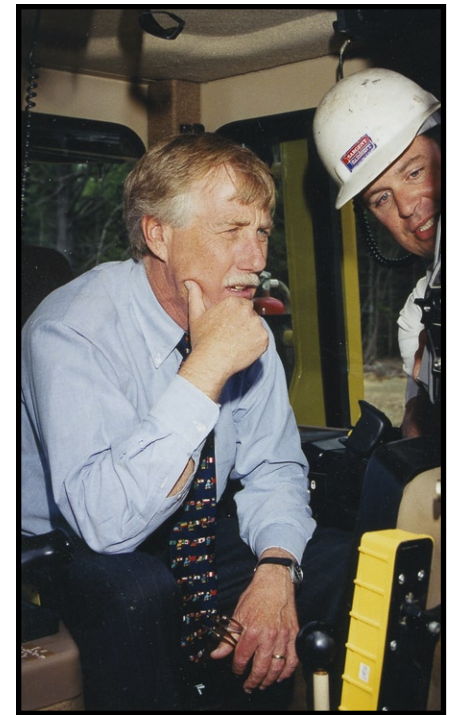
Matinicus Teamwork - An interdisciplinary team captured a "Team of the Year" award for their innovative design of a ferry transfer facility at Matinicus Island. The Maine State Ferry Service has completed many improvements to the coastal ferry system.



Electronic Storage of Documents - MAINEDOT is on the cutting edge of government efforts to reduce the use of paper. Hundreds of thousands of pages have been scanned to save space and improve efficiency.



Salt Priority - MAINEDOT's winter maintenance program now includes Salt Priority. Salt Priority is the application of salt before storms, to prevent snow and ice from bonding to pavement, and improve drivability.



Curious Governor - Governor King's interest in technology inspired MAINEDOT employees in all areas, from electronic bidding and new pavement mixes, to high-tech machinery.

COMMUNITIES & ENVIRONMENT

We learned how to care better for our communities and environment, while we improve Maine's transportation systems.



Maine's Covered Bridges - Part of Maine's heritage is preserved in covered bridges at ten locations throughout the state. These graceful structures are maintained by MAINEDOT.



Working with Schools - Maine students join forces with the Department's Landscape Architecture Unit for tree planting and other landscaping projects.



Scenic Byways - In 2000, Maine secured its first All American Road designation (one of 20 in the U.S.), and three National Scenic Byways designations (of 75 in the U.S.)



SHIP - Through the Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP), the Department provides grants to municipalities to upgrade their small waterfront facilities, like this one in Richmond.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities - Maine now has bicycle/pedestrian trails in many municipalities, and hundreds of miles of recently paved shoulders for safer biking and walking.

PEOPLE MAKE IT HAPPEN

Success at MAINEDOT comes from recognizing the needs of the people we serve, and the value of the people with whom we work .



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